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SUBJ: PRESS COVERAGE OF TASCA'S AHEPA SPEECH

1. ATHENS PRESS AND RADIO/TV REPORTED PROMINENTLY MAY 22-23 KEY POINTS OF FORMER AMBASSADOR TASCA'S REMARKS AT AHEPA LUNCHEON IN HIS HONOR IN WASHINGTON (PROBABLY MAY 21 OR 22). COVERAGE GAVE PRIORITY STRESS TO TASCA'S REMARK THAT SECRETARY HAD REJECTED TASCA'S RECOMMENDATION LAST SUMMER TO INTERPOSE SIXTH FLEET BETWEEN TURKISH INVASION FORCE AND CYPRUS. OTHER POINTS MADE BY TASCA HIGHLIGHTED BY GREEK PRESS WERE:

--THAT TASCA WAS OPPOSED TO GREEK JUNTA AND IOANNIDIS AND SINCE 1970 HAD REPORTED TO USG THAT RESTORATION OF DEMOCRACY WAS OF VITAL IMPORTANCE;

--THAT TASCA IS OPPOSED TO RESUMPTION OF U.S. MILITARY AID TO TURKEY;

--THAT USG ATTITUDE IN CYPRUS CRISIS FAVORED TURKEY;

--THAT U.S. SHOULD RECOGNIZE THAT GREECE IS A "GREAT FRIEND

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AND ALLY", AND THAT PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS IS ACCOMPLISHING

A GREAT TASK IN RESTORING DEMOCRACY IN THE COUNTRY;

--THAT TURKEY HAD PREPARED INVASION OF CYPRUS BEFORE JULY 15, 1974 AND HAD VIOLATED SPIRIT OF NATO AND IGNORED UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS ON CYPRUS;

--THAT U.S. FOREIGN POLICY SHOULD GIVE PRIORITY TO MORAL VALUES AND PRINCIPLES.

2. ONLY EDITORIAL COMMENT APPEARED IN AKROPOLIS WHICH WROTE THAT TASCA'S SPEECH INDICATED THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER IS NOW SEEN AS AN ACCOMPLICE IN CYPRUS DRAMA AND THUS CANNOT SERVE AS MEDIATOR. (NOTE: PRESS STIR HERE WAS PREDICTABLE GIVEN NATURE OF TASCA'S REMARKS BUT WITH SHORT CONCENTRATION SPAN OF GREEK NEWSPAPERS, ATTENTION GIVEN SPEECH WILL PROBABLY FADE QUICKLY. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE THERE IS VIRTUALLY NOTHING IN TASCA'S SPEECH THAT HAS NOT APPEARED IN PUBLIC PREVIOUSLY.) KUBISCH

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